



# Guam Fire Department

## Citizen Centric Report

## Fiscal Year 2017

### Message from the Fire Chief

Thank you for spending some time to visit our website and reviewing our report to the community. The Guam Fire Department has a proud history of serving our island. That spirit of service continues as we move forward into the future. The men and women of the Guam Fire Department are here to serve you. From our frontline Firefighters to our Rescue personnel, from our E-911 Communication Center Dispatchers to our Ambulance Operators and the sworn and civilian staff that comprise our workforce, we are committed to providing the highest levels of service possible.



**Joey C. San Nicolas**

"The mission of the Guam Fire Department is to respond to and mitigate all threats to life, property, and the environment in the Territory of Guam and its surrounding waters". This will be accomplished through education, prevention, and an effective response to fire, medical, and environmental emergencies.

### Statutory Basis

Upon the enactment of Public Law 1-88 in 1952, the Fire Division was created within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). On March 13, 1985, Public Law 17-78 separated the Fire Division from DPS and established the Guam Fire Department, a line agency of the Government of Guam. On March 6, 1996 Public Law 23-77 tasked the Guam Fire Department with the responsibility to administer and operate the Emergency 911 telephone communications system; regulated by the EMS Commission.

The Guam Fire Department is mandated to protect life and property from the perils of fire and other disasters. This could only be achieved through an accomplished fire prevention, suppression, and extinguishment plan. Furthermore, the formulation of a comprehensive Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance) Program, inclusive of an Advanced Life Support Intercept Program for the Territory of Guam, was required. An extensive Fire Prevention bureau overseeing fire inspections, new and existing building plan review and approval, investigations, code enforcement, and public education, was also established. Also entrusted to the Guam Fire Department were the responsibilities of land and sea search and rescue, operation and management of an enhanced Emergency 911 communications system, and more recently the addition of a dedicated hazardous materials response team. We are able to perform these missions by: "Promoting safety and maintaining a well equipped, highly trained, and motivated force of professional Firefighters/EMTs, EMDs, and Rescue Personnel.

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### Goal

The Guam Fire Department will be a fire service nationally recognized and accredited in Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention, Emergency Medical Services, Search and Rescue, Hazardous Materials response and Emergency Medical Dispatch. At a minimum, every fire station will house a fire engine, ambulance, and some type of specialty response apparatus such as a water tanker, ladder truck, rescue unit, or advanced life support unit. Firefighters will be fully equipped and trained, both technically and physically, to respond to all emergencies that pose a threat to the safety of life and property.



Firefighters

194

Emergency Medical Dispatchers

22

Administrative Staff

8

# How We Have Progressed

## Fiscal Year 2017



### GFD Performance Measures

2017



The Guam Fire Department (GFD) is a servant leader organization that believes in leading by example with integrity and excellence. Chief fire officers of GFD are nationally certified. National professional standards are aligned with promotional standards for the Guam Fire Department. Aside from all chief fire officers being NFPA/ProBoard certified Fire Officers, including the Fire Chief at Fire Officer 4 and credentialed as a Chief Fire Officer (CFO) by the Center for Public Safety and Excellence. The GFD Fire Marshal is fully qualified and credential as a CPSE Fire Marshal (FM), CPSE CFO, and NFPA/ProBoard Fire Officer 4. The Guam Fire Department continues to be led by fully qualified and nationally certified chief fire officers.

#### Statistics(Medical)

Sick/ Ill Person	9626
Sick with ALS Transport	897
Injured Person	2225
Injured Person with ALS Transport	60
Cardiac Arrest	263
First Aid Service	95

#### Statistics ( Fire Suppression)

Fire Hydrant Maintenance	290
In Service Training	850
Structure Fire	52
Unauthorized Controlled Burn	761
Vegetation Fire /Grass Fire	352

#### Statistics ( Fire Prevention Bureau)

Permits Issued	683
Notice of Hazards	95
Plans Review	183
Fire Inspections	1012
Public Education Activities	39

**TOTAL ALARMS FY '17**

**26,334**

The measures reported on this page were included based on the data collected from our E-911 center. What would you like to see reported on in this page? Please let us know by leaving a message on our website, [gfd.guam.gov](http://gfd.guam.gov).

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# Our Finances

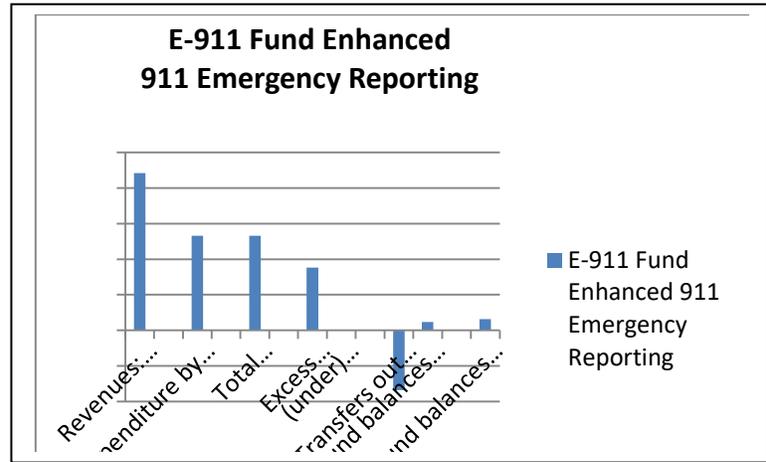
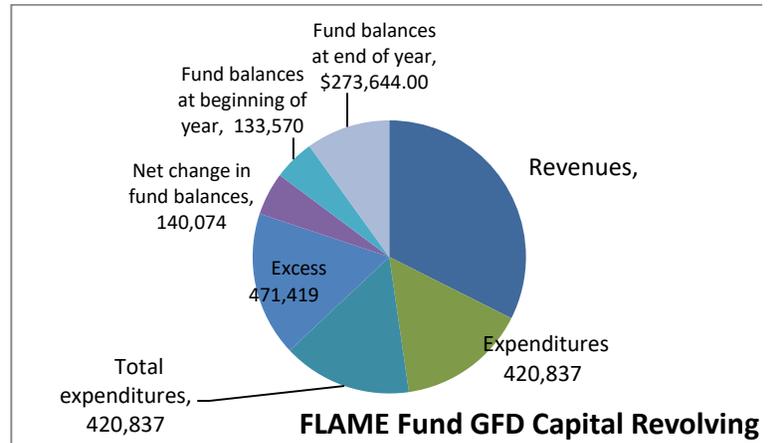
## Revenues and Expenses



The main operating fund of the agency is the General Fund. As noted in the Deloitte's Government of Guam Independent Auditors' Report. Alternate funding sources that the agency uses are classified as Special Funds (revenues that are restricted for specific purposes.)

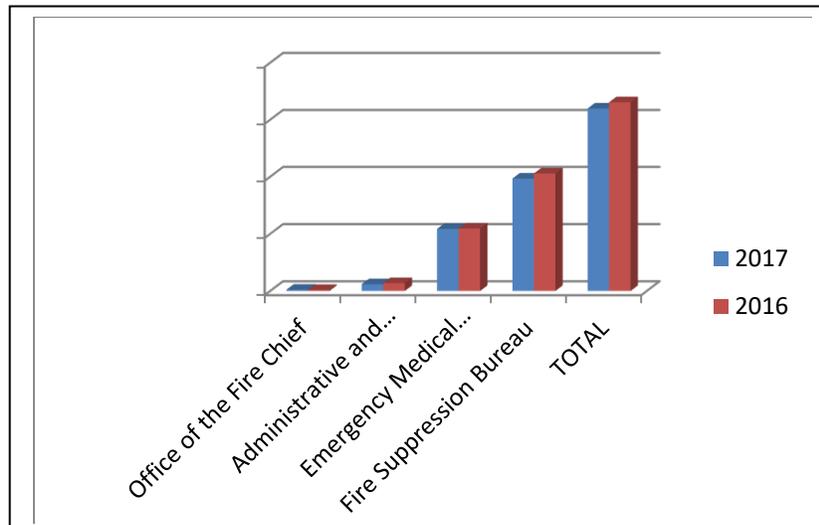
### Expenditure/Revenue by Source

	FLAME Fund	E-911 Fund
Licenses, Fees and Permits	892,256.00	2,056,143.00
Total Expenditures	471,419.00	1,327,604.00
Transfers Out	(331,345.00)	(839,583.00)
Beginning fund balance (Deficit)	133,570.00	116,646.00
<b>Ending Fund Balance (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$273,644.00</b>	<b>\$158,833.00</b>



### Expenditure Comparison

	2017	2016
Office of the Fire Chief	\$225,890.00	\$180,860.00
Administrative and Logistical Support	1,187,251.00	1,367,793.00
EMS/Rescue Operations Bureau	10,876,679.00	10,934,491.00
Fire Suppression Bureau	19,676,592.00	20,575,560.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,966,412.00</b>	<b>\$33,058,704.00</b>



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# What's Next *Key Initiatives*

**Hafa Adai and thank you for taking the time to join us. The Guam Fire Department continues to strive for excellence in Fire Service on Guam. We have been hard at work to stay on track with the Guam Fire Department Blue Print 2020 while also looking for new opportunities.**

**Headquarters:** Speaking of opportunity, we are still pursuing an avenue to construct a new Headquarters in the heart of Tamuning along with the construction of a new Tamuning Fire Station. We are collaborating with the Guam Economic Development Agency to rebuild a new station and HQ near the original location. We seek to take advantage of the property value of our current property to trade, finance and build a new and improved Fire Station and Headquarters. Annually we are applying for assistance to construct a Fire Station in the village of Sinajana.

**Fire Suppression:** The GFD has completed a procurement project be federal funding to place a structural fire pumper at every village fire station. This is a proud time in that every fire station is capable of servicing its primary and assisting response area with a full range of emergency response. Astumbo Fire Station was the latest station to receive a pumper.

**Promotions/Hiring:** The GFD finally promoted a number of personnel of all ranks. This is significant as we are now able to stay within span of control requirements in regards to command and control, safety and management. We have also brought on board several Emergency Medical Dispatchers to maintain manning requirements at our E911 Center. We continue to look forward to promotions of all positions in the near future. The Department will soon graduate 45 newly minted Firefighters.



## GFD Improvement Projects

Funding Source	Status		Project
Next Gen E-911	In Progress	Specification Review	Replacement of current E-911 system
Rescue Base 2 (Agat) Construction	In Progress	TBD	Awaiting Contractor Quotes
Hazardous Materials Equipment	In Progress	Bid Process	Upgrading of current response capabilities
2 Ambulances and 3 Response Vehicles	In Progress	Bid Process	Replace current emergency response vehicles
SCBA/Tanks and Harnesses	In Progress	Bid Process	Replacement of current equipment